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My dear Joshua,

I hope this letter reaches you in Bombay before you leave. A copy of it will be sent to Rome, just in case.

As I will be unable to welcome you in Rome, I have asked Sermonti to see you at the airport. He wants to talk to you and will anyhow come to Pavia and Milan. Sermonti may be useful at the airport because there is a fair chance that no planes will fly to Milan (fog in Milan). Or your flight may be delayed and you may miss the last plane to Milan (4.20 p.m. if my information is correct). Should any of these circumstances apply, I would suggest that you take an afternoon train (leaving Rome 17.45, arriving Milan 24.00, \*supper on the train), or a night train if you can book a sleeper. You should be able to get a refund of the train expenses if you do not fly to Milan. Sermonti can help you through these possible changes of programme, and in letting us know when you will be here. He may be travelling with you to Milan and, if you have time in Rome he could take you for a drive in the town.

Your lecturing programmes are : Pavia, afternoon of Friday 15 ; Milan, afternoon of Monday 18. I had to give a title also for Pavia, and as I had not asked one specifically of you, I tried to give as much freedom as possible with a title such as "Current problems in bacterial genetics". I have forgotten to say: the more slides you have the better, because of the language difficulties. Unless of course, you speak in Italian ! I would not be too surprised.

It seems as if ,unless we drag you away from Milan and Pavia, which we can sure do on the weekend, there will not be many chances of talking to you in peace. It would certainly help if you could leave later than Tuesday. I understand TWA has flights on Wednesday and Thursday ,some of them to Chicago, and the position for bookings is not bad.

Have a good journey, and stay here as long as you can,

Yours

*Lucia*

Nov. 8, 1957

\* all seats to be booked in advance.